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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date, OR more than three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application, AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs first, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

References BA and BB were cited in the Japanese Office Action mailed April 20, 2010 in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-028106. The Japanese Office Action (reference CA) is submitted herewith. Document JPH7-43688 cited in the Japanese Office Action was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 3, 2006 and Document JP2001-091538 cited in the Japanese Office Action was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 30, 2009 in the instant application.

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references BA and BB is enclosed. No translation of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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